

BANKER DELOOT
PASSED ME A
BUM TEN-CENT
PIECE! IT WONT
BAG!

WHADDA
YE WANT
FOR A
DIME-
CHINESE?

IT-SS THIS HALFPOY JOON
FOR A JOB TOO? JOON, KIN
YOU TELL GOOD MONEY FUM
BAD?

YACOW
SCHULTZ
ONCE
SLIPPED ME
A BAD
QUARTER!

IT-AAA! A HALFPOY,
JUST AS I THOUGHT!--
MAYBE IT AINT A BAD
QUARTER! GROW
IT T ME!

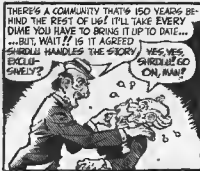
CANT! BOUGHT
THIS HAT
WITH IT!

IT-AAAA! THIS HALFPOY
SHOWS SIGNS O' TALENT!
POWING TALENT!--

BANKER DE-
LOOT, KIN A
BEE DATE?

BALDY
BEATON





JOHN, YOUR BOOK ON THE "APPLEKNOCK TERRITORY" IS YOUR GREATEST! THE STORY OF A PEOPLE LIVING TODAY JUST AS THEY DID CENTURIES AGO--- IT'LL SHOCK ALL AMERICA!!

WHERE IS THE APPLEKNOCK TERRITORY?

IN NEW ENGLAND, DOPE! IT'S WEST OF THE WHOA-THAR RIVER!



...MEANWHILE, WEST OF THE WHOA-THAR...

GRAMPER, IF THAT STRANGER REALLY WROTE A BOOK 'BOUT TH' TARR'TORY, -US JOOKS'LL BE **FAMOUS!!**

JASPER, FAME KIN BE A BLESSING OR A CURSE, AN' IF I'M LYING I'M DYING!!



BALDY BENTON



I'M RAISING ALL RENTS!! FER THAT FINE, COLONIAL-TYPE MANSION, YE NOW PAY \$3 A MONTH!!
1...2...3.... CORRECT, JOOKS!



GRAMPER, WHO WAS *THAT* CHARACTER -RAISIN' EVERYBODY'S RENT?



THAT WAS JUDGE HAZEKIAH BEAN, ('--BLAST HIS BLACK LAN'LORD'S HEART!--')

TH' ONE KNOWED AS "TH' LAW WEST O' TH' WHQA-THAR"?



EXACKLY! ('--I GOT TO TELL TH' BOY TH' FACKS O' LIFE! HE'S OLD ENOUGH T'KNOW ABOUT HAZ. BEAN!!')







SO SERENE AND PEACEFUL, SO *NORMAL*, IS THIS DAY INSIDE APPLEKNOCK TERRITORY--ITS INHABITANTS WOULD BE *ASTOUNDED* TO LEARN...

...THEY'RE CAUSING A SENSATION
IN THE REST OF THE U.S.A!

THEY'VE GOT THE
NEW BOOK!

"INSIDE APPLE-
KNOCK TERRITORY?
REALLY?

OH, THOSE MAD,
MAD PEOPLE!

GIMME A
COPY!

AND IN
BOSTON...

("--SOONER OR LATER, SOME
ONE WAS BOUND
TO STUMBLE UPON THAT
MISERABLE PLACE! G..GAD! WHAT'LL
HAPPEN TO MY CAREER-- IF PEOPLE
DISCOVER I COME FROM THERE?--")

BOOKS

JOHN GUMDROPP'S
"INSIDE
APPLEKNOCK
TERRITORY"
\$5.00



...AN' I WISH YE MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF TH' DAY, JASPER!!
 ("--NOW, PER USUAL, I'LL TELL HIM HE KIN KISS ME--")



("--AN', PER USUAL, HE'LL STAMMER, AN' BLUSH, AN' RUN AWAY!--") JASPER, IF YE'RE A MIND TO, YE KIN KISS ME!

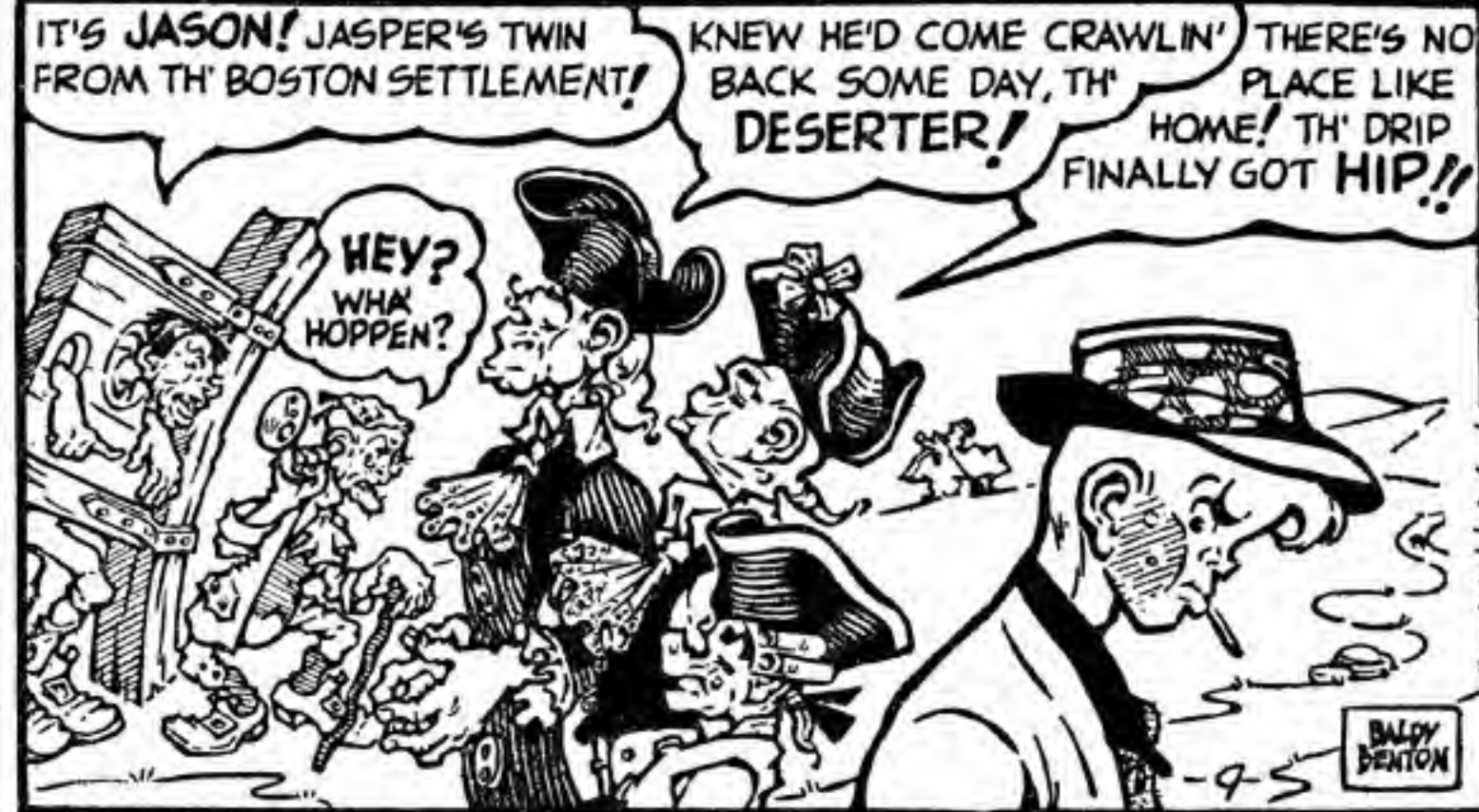


("--HE... HE AIN'T STAMMERING...AN' HE AIN'T BLUSHING... AN' HE AIN'T RUNNING AWAY--")



("--YUK YUK!! HERE'S WHERE ELLA-BELLA CHUGG MEETS TH' NEW ME!--")





UH-UH, GRAMPER! WE'RE GONNA
HAVE A VISITOR!



A VISITOR? SNORT! WE'LL LIKELIER
HAVE SNOW IN JULY, AN' IF I'M LYIN'
I'M DYIN'!



WE AIN'T HAD A VISITOR SINCE...
SINCE....

("--TARNATION!
SINCE HE LAST
SHOWED UP!!!--")



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MEANWHILE, SOME MILES TO THE EAST...

("--ONCE I CROSS THAT
RIVER, I'M BACK IN THAT
MISERABLE APPLEKNOCK
TERRITORY! OH, WELL....



BALDY
BENTON

Coming!

DATE

JASPER JOOKS

by Baldy Benton

A comic strip about a people living today in the heart of New England just as they did in Colonial times, over 200 years ago.

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